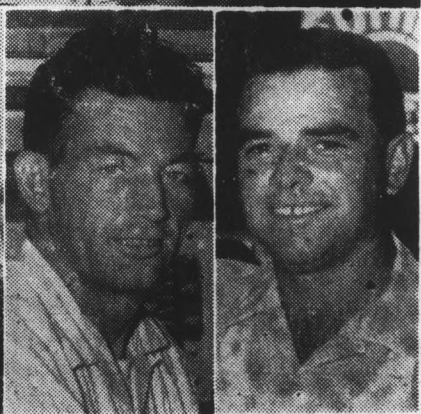
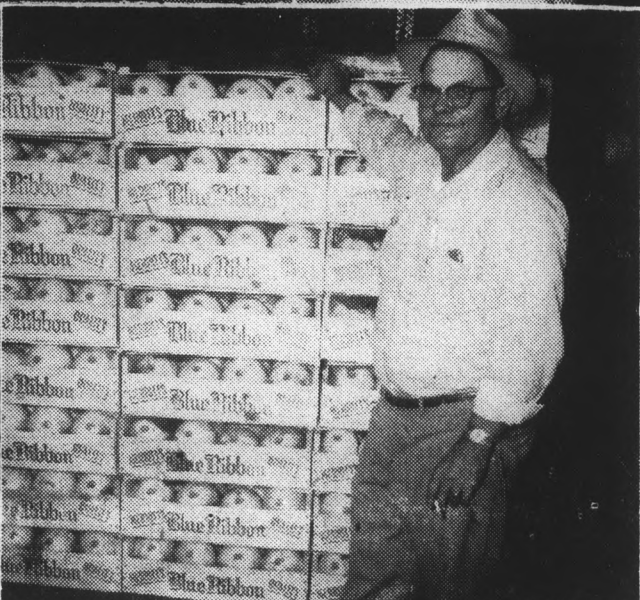
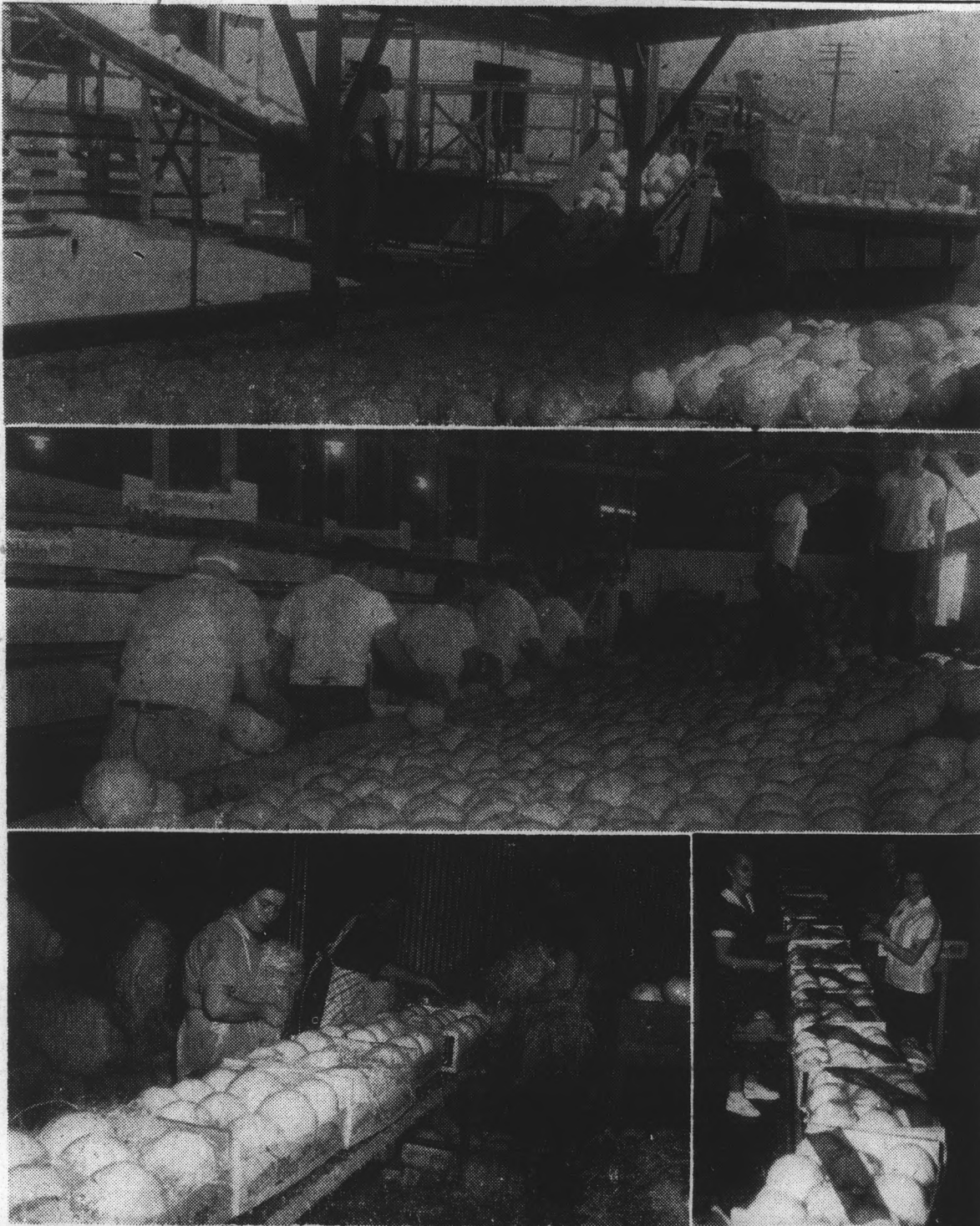


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INVESTIGATION OF WATER FILING ON KILLIAN RANCH PROMISED FOR SEPTEMBER

Investigation of a water filing on the R. B. Killian ranch above Springville has been tentatively promised for September by representatives of the state board of water resources, with eventual decision on this filing to possibly effect the entire state water setup.

Situation is this: Over the past several years, some 200 small dams have been built in the upper Tule river area to provide stock water, to control erosion, and to generally conserve the water available to ranchers of the area. Most of the dams were built with federal assistance through the ACP program.

None of these dams are large, but in total they probably store several thousand acre feet of water that previously had run unchecked into the Tule or its branches.

And none of the ranchers in the area, with the exception of Mr. Killian and Clemmie Gill, have filed on the water that their dams, or proposed dams, will store.

At similar situation exists throughout the state of California — many small conservation dams have been constructed, yet in very few cases has water held by these dams been filed on.

Which brings up the question of who owns the water right — a point that will be determined when

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Report Friday On Deer Herds Of Kern River Area

Report on deer herds of the Kern River area will be heard at a meeting of members of the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association to be held Friday evening, August 12, at 8:00 o'clock at the Elks lodge building in Porterville.

Jerry Mankins, of the state department of fish and game, will talk on investigations he is currently conducting on Kern river, and Oscar Brunetti, of the department's disease laboratory, and Howard Leach, who is heading a food habits project, will explain their work in relation to the Kern River Deer herd.

Invitations are being extended to other sportsmen organizations in the valley to send representatives to the Porterville meeting.

Honeydew Melons Get Personal Attention At Merritt Packing Plant To Assure Top Quality For Market

E. W. Merritt, who was born in Fresno, started following the crops as a boxmaker and packer when he was in his early 20's. Today, with his son and wife, he owns and operates the 2,500-acre Merritt Farms in the Saucelito and Hope districts, and the Merritt Packing company plant at Tipton. His accomplishments are a tribute to his personal ability and to the American opportunity that exists for those who are willing to work for it.

By Bill Rodgers

Although thousands of honeydew melons are going through the E. W. Merritt Packing company plant at Tipton this summer, every melon gets personal attention to assure top, consistent quality when Merritt Blue Ribbon melons hit the markets of the United States and Canada.

The careful, personal attention that goes into field production of honeydews, as described in last week's issue of The Farm Tribune, carries through operations at the packing plant, and it is because of this attention that Merritt melons have maintained a favorable market reputation through the years.

Coming out of the fields by truck, melons are poured into a shaded unloading bin outside the Tipton plant; they are picked up by an endless belt, carried through a tank of water and a series of brushes, across a grading table and into the packing bins.

Packers place 12 melons in an excelsior-lined crate which is "fed" by live belt from a crate-

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Mystery Farms Too Tough?

Mystery Farms of the past two weeks have really stumped contestants, as neither the July 28 nor August 4 farms were correctly identified. This means you have three chances now, including this week's Mystery Farm, on page 3, in The Farm Tribune. Just drop in at Hastings Equipment company on south Main in Porterville, and look over the Mystery Farm picture. And girls — you can win three pairs of nylons if you are a Mystery Farm winner. Take a try this week — you have three chances.

EXPANDED COURSE IN AGRICULTURE, WITH TRANSFER CREDIT OR TERMINAL WORK IS ANNOUNCED FOR COLLEGE

A greatly expanded course in agriculture will be offered by Porterville College when it opens on its new campus this fall, O. H. Shires, director of the college, has announced.

Mr. Shires said the new course of study is designed to offer the student both acceptable courses for transfer to agricultural schools, such as the college of agriculture at Davis and California Polytechnic college at San Luis Obispo, as well as terminal instruction for students who will complete their education at the junior college level.

Sixteen courses will be offered. Each will contain material for either transfer credit or terminal

education, making an actual offering of 32 courses in the field, Mr. Shires stated. R. L. Hooper will handle the college program.

Courses in agriculture to be listed in the new Porterville College catalogue, soon to be published, include: Introduction to Entomology, Introduction to Animal Husbandry, Livestock Judging and Selection, Poultry Production, Agronomy, Vegetable Production, Laboratory Principles of Vegetable

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MELONS, THOUSANDS of them, are moving through the Merritt plant at Tipton prior to shipment throughout the United States and Canada, with upper photo showing outside bin, where melons are dumped, after being brought from the field by truck, to start their trip by endless belt through washing machines and first grading. Second photo shows melons as

they are being packed; left center photo shows crates of melons being padded with excelsior; right, melons in crates receive individual Merritt Blue Ribbon label and colorful "dressing" with celephane shredding and cover as they move to lidding machine and on into railroad cars for shipment. At lower left center is Mrs. E. W. Merritt in the plant office at Tipton,

with Mrs. Alice Weaver; E. W. Merritt is shown checking car loading of crated honeydews; lower left, in group is Dee Hines, left, ranch cutting foreman and a former agricultural inspector, Pete Garay, a 15-year-employee of the Merritt ranch, who is in charge of Mexican laborers, and Richard Merritt, who supervises Merritt

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ALFALFA PEST MEETING FRIDAY

Control and identification of the spotted alfalfa aphid will be the subject of a meeting set for tomorrow, Friday, at 2:00 p.m. at the W. O. Taylor ranch, seven miles north of Visalia on highway 63, then east on the Oilwell road to the third house on the north side of the road.

KEEP IT CLEAN

New Hampshire legislature has attacked the problem of keeping recreation areas clean by passing a law that provides that any person found throwing refuse into public waters or land bordering the waters, may lose his fishing and hunting license for a year.

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Mechanical Cotton Picking Methods Subject Of Porterville Meeting

Importance of proper methods in machine picking of cotton will be stressed at a meeting to be held in Porterville at the high school cafeteria, 1:30 p.m., August 24, under sponsorship of the extension service, the National Cotton council, manufacturers of pickers and other groups.

In California, where nearly two-thirds of the cotton is mechanically picked, 15 meetings have

been scheduled. A second Tulare county meeting will be held in Visalia, at the Sierra Vista school auditorium the evening of August 24 at 8:00 o'clock.

It is pointed out that if mechanical pickers are not properly used, lint is damaged and a heavy bite is taken out of grower profits. All interested persons are invited to attend the Porterville and Visalia meetings.

California Archers Will Compete In Porterville Meet Over Weekend

California archers, including some of the top-flight competitors in the nation, will gather in Porterville this week for the annual Pot-O-Gold shoot sponsored by the Tulare County Bowmen.

Competition will start at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, on the course along the west edge of Murry park, will continue through the afternoon, and all day Sunday.

Fifty-six targets will be shot Saturday and 28 Sunday for trophies and cash awards.

Now in its third year, the Pot-O-Gold shoot has attracted na-

tion-wide attention to Porterville through accounts of the affair in national archery publications.

President of the Tulare County Bowmen is Tick Lane, of Porterville; secretary is Rodney Stebbins, of Tipton.

There is no charge for spectators during the meet.

STRATHMORE HIGH GETS DONATIONS; CONTINUED SPECIAL TAX CONSIDERED

Gifts and donations to Strathmore high school in the past two years amount to some \$15,000.00, it was reported by Sam Akins, president of the school board at a meeting last week. The donations came in the form of money, labor, materials and equipment.

Board members discussed pres-

ent and future needs of the school and considered the fact that a special tax, voted last year, expires July 1, 1956.

Opinion was expressed that the board ask the public to continue the 40 cent raise in the legal maximum for a period of seven years.

Theme Selected For Fair Booth

Theme has been selected for the Porterville community booth in the 1955 Tulare county fair, with fruits, grains, forage crops, vegetables, in fact all types of farm produce grown in the district to be used.

Attending a meeting this week to start detail planning were: Esther Jones, Florence Brewster, Max Young, Bill Richardson, Chester Gilbert, Guido Lohbardi, O. H. Carleson, Allan Coates and Bob Board.

EMPLOYMENT HOLDS AT HIGH LEVEL

Agricultural employment is holding at a high level in the San Joaquin valley in the face of delay in maturity of most crops, with 99,000 workers employed last week. This is 3,000 more than during the same week last summer.

Expanded Course

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Production; General Fruit Growing, Introduction to Grape and Wine Production, Plane Surveying, Soil Fertility and Management, Agricultural Mechanics, Farm Machinery, Farm Welding, and Farm Power.

Mr. Shires stated that revisions and expansions also are being made in other departments of the college curriculum, and are to be announced soon.

WATCH FOR SPIDER IN WALNUT GROVES

Walnut growers should be on the alert as there has been some red spider seen on walnuts in the Visalia area, says Farm Advisor Jack Foott. Control measures should be taken immediately before the populations increase to uncontrollable size or damage can be severe. Loss of leaves can result in sunburning of walnuts and this results in poor quality or serious loss of walnuts at harvest.

Ira Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ola D. Drak, of Porterville, is taking recruit training at San Diego, following his enlistment in the U. S. Navy.

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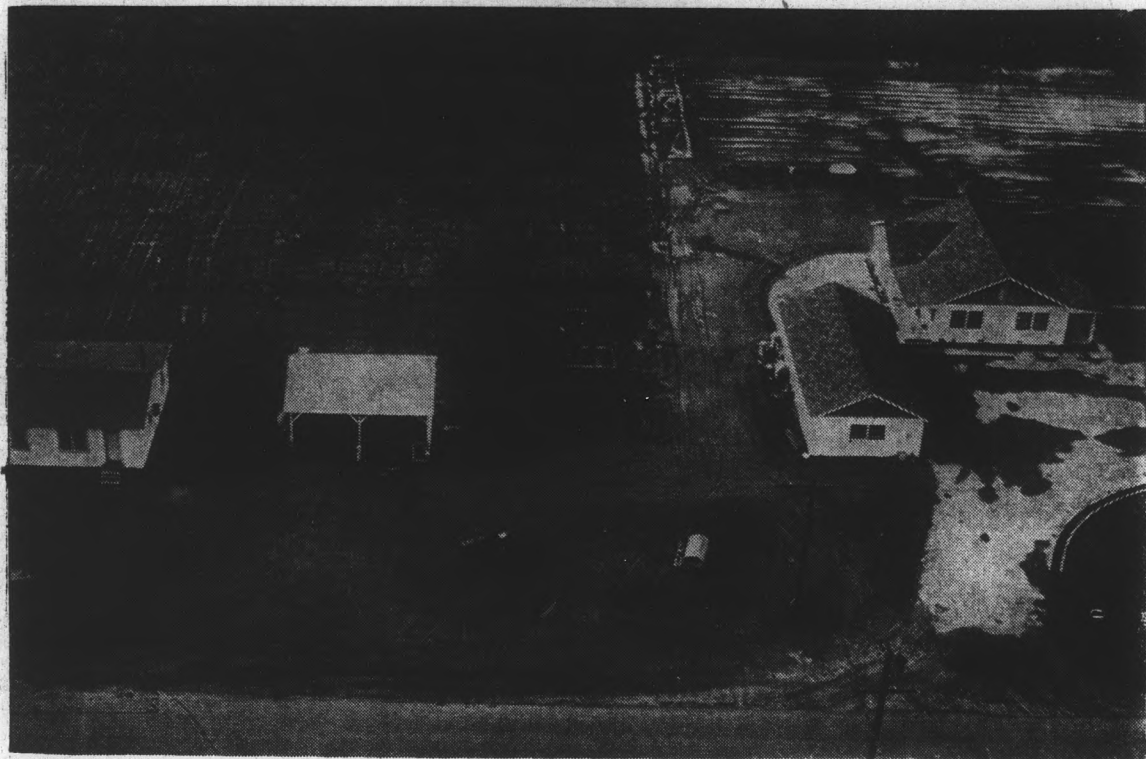
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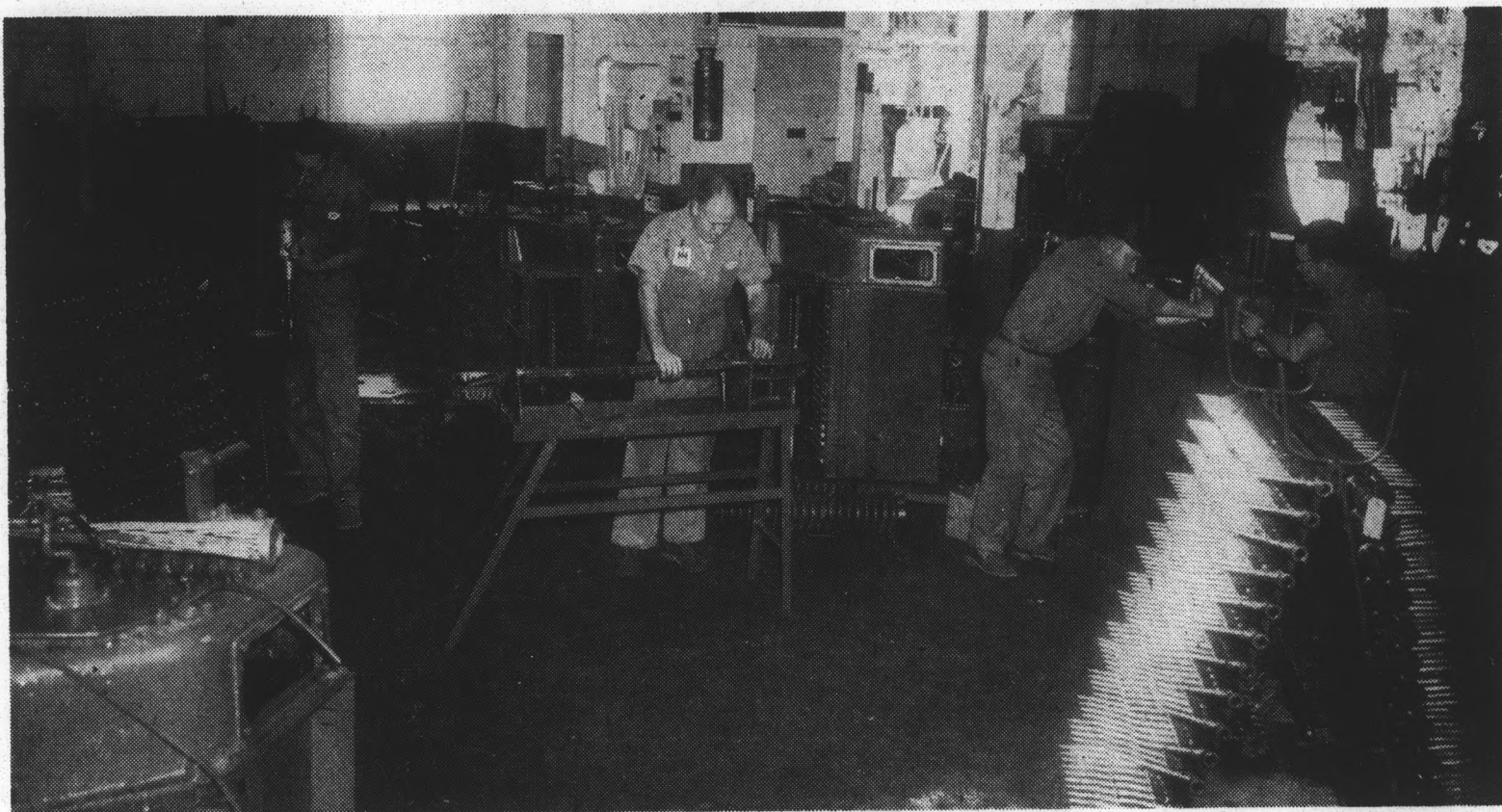
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COTTON BOLLWORMS SHOWING IN SOME TULARE COUNTY FIELDS; GROWERS ADVISED TO CHECK FOR PEST

By Alan G. George
Farm Advisor

The cotton bollworms, commonly known as the corn earworm, is beginning to show up in some Tulare county cotton fields. This insect is one of the most important pests of cotton in California and growers are advised to check their fields carefully for its presence.

The worm attacks many squares, flowers and bolls. They frequently move from one boll to another before there is noticeable injury but if the surface or only one lock is injured, fungi may cause the entire boll to rot.

One of the first indications of the cotton bollworm is the appearance of small flared squares which

may be eaten out or show other evidence of external injury. Injured squares often are found in the insect net when the lygus bug counts are taken, or on the ground, as well as on the plants.

When these damaged squares are found, the field should be checked further to determine the bollworm population.

In checking a field, 100 plants should be examined throughout the field. The terminals should be checked first because the eggs are laid in this area and the small worms will be found here. If no worms are in the terminal portion of the plant, successive squares, flowers, and bolls should be checked. In checking 100 plants, if

COUNTY FAIR IS CLASSED "BIGGEST EVENT"

Tulare county fair, September 20 through 25, is being billed as "the biggest event between vacation and Christmas", and an event that will make "us all Davy Crockett kids again", by Alfred J. Elliott, manager.

Some 331 classes with nearly 2,700 sections have been set up for exhibitors; horse shows, free vaudeville, fireworks, square dance jamboree, livestock parade, pioneer reunion, junior fat stock sale, a non-professional rodeo and Craft carnival will be features of the fair.

Buildings have new coats of paint, lawn and flowers rim the buildings; the grounds in general will be in better condition than ever before, Mr. Elliott states.

four or more small worms are found, treatment should be made.

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The column will be guest edited by agricultural leaders and will carry information of interest to farmers of the area.

ROSSO REOPENING SET SATURDAY IN WOODVILLE

Rosso's remodelled restaurant will be officially reopened Saturday night in Woodville, still serving the Italian dinners that has made Rosso's famous throughout the southern San Joaquin valley.

Steaks, from a new charbroiler, and fried chicken will also be menu specialties, and a cocktail lounge has been added to the restaurant.

Dining room has been redone, outside of the restaurant remodelled, and a new neon sign added.

EARLY GRAPE MOVEMENT SLOW

Movement of early grapes has been slow because of market conditions, according to Agricultural Inspector Oscar L. Hemphill

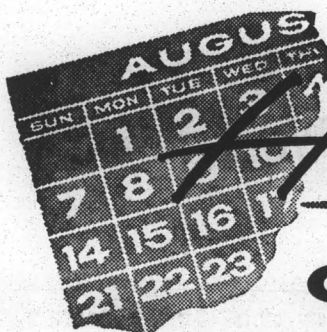
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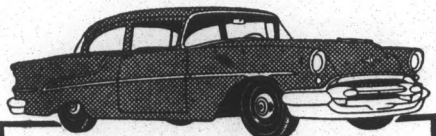
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News Of The SPRINGVILLE COMMUNITY

By WINNIE GAGE

Lt. Col. Nat Hosket and family are here from Ft. Bragg, N. C. on vacation in the Knupp cabin at Doyle's Springs. Mrs. Hosket is the former Eleanor Knupp of Porterville. Her father, Guy Knupp, Sr., was a Porterville attorney, who now resides at Beverly Hills. Lt. Col. Hosket is on duty at Montgomery, Alabama.

Mrs. Fay Parker has been enjoying as house guests, her son, R. A. Parker, his wife and two young sons, Bobby and Billy, here from El Centro.

Charles K. Mays, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Mays of Success Valley, has gained admittance to the Davis University of California and will enter school at the beginning of the fall semester, as a junior student specializing in agricultural economics. He is a graduate of Porterville High and was a student in Porterville College.

Miss Juliet Scow, school nurse here, and Mrs. Anna Brockman, a teacher, also in Springville school, will become members of the faculty of Strathmore Union Elementary the coming school term, which will open in September.

A/26 Glen E. Sutch, is here on a 10-day furlough with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sutch and other relatives. Glen was formerly a student of Porterville union high school. He enlisted in the air force at Porterville recruiting station in 1953, finished basic

training at the Lackland Air Force, San Antonio, Texas, studied aircraft camera repair at specialist school, Denver, Colorado, then was sent to Travis Air Force base, California.

Dr. W. A. Winn of the Springville T. B. Hospital medical staff, is now a member of The Flying Physicians, an organization that had its beginning in Boston, Mass. this spring. Dr. Winn happened to be near Boston on a mission at the time, and is hoping, now to be able to join the Flying Physicians on a flight to Mexico City this coming spring, which is still in the planning stage.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham and family, who have been sojourning at Camp Nelson for a few days, report a very restful vacation there and in the surrounding vicinity, but expect to return to their secretarial duties near San Francisco within the next few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Dittenbaugh are entertaining Dr. and Mrs. Dayton Weber of Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Anna Dales and grandchildren, Sharon and Christie Dales of South Gate were recent guests of Mrs. Ollida Sawtell and her mother, Mrs. Margaret Hartog.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dye and Jack Fees made a weekend trip to Lone Pine to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris.

Mrs. Charles Hunsaker and son, Jerry, drove to Baldwin Park recently to bring home Charles and Tommy, who had visited an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walton since June.

Val Peacot of the Marines is visiting his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buster McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mally left by plane Tuesday to visit a son and family in Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Pat McDonald and daughter, Maureen, is visiting her parents in Chicago, Illinois.

The Tule River Houndsmen Association met at Bartlett Park Friday evening, August 5. About 35 attended and coffee and doughnuts were served following a short business meeting.

Next meeting of the group will

TWO SOUTHEASTERN COUNTY MEMBERS SEEK 4-H OFFICE

Two southeastern county members have been nominated for president of the Tulare County Hi-4-H: Marvin Awbrey, of Prairie Center, and Karen Mays, of Success Valley.

Annual election of Hi-4-H officers is set for next Saturday evening at a business and social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Andreas, near Earlimart, with games and swimming to start at 6:00 p.m.

Others nominated for various offices are: Willa Jean Lane, Tarusa, and Roger Andreas, Columbine, president; Judy Williams, Oak Grove; Emmalene Smith, Tipton, and Butch Andreas, Columbine, vice president.

Viola Pennebaker, Kaweah-Locust Grove; Carol Bartel, Wilson, and LoRayne Honbo, Columbine, secretary; Sally Connolly, Oak Grove, and Pauline Reed, Tipton, treasurer, and Delvert Lopez, Columbine, and Dawn Asay, Waukena, reporter. Recreation chairman will be nominated from the floor.

Dinner will be served during the evening, and following the election, dancing is planned until midnight. Chaperons will be members of the extension service staff and Hi-4-H leaders.

Stephen Chorak Replaces Buckner On Marketing Staff

Stephen Chorak, of Visalia, has been selected to replace Hugo Buckner, of Hanford, as assistant manager of the California Farm Bureau Marketing association.

Mr. Buckner, who concludes 15 years of tenure with the marketing association, will continue on a part-time basis; his resignation resulted from a desire to devote more time to personal business affairs.

Mr. Chorak has been with the organization since 1946. He will continue to hold his present office of secretary-treasurer along with that of assistant manager.

be Sunday, September 4, at the home of Bill Berry in Springville. Reports of five mountain lions killed in two weeks was made.

FINS FOR FEATHERS

By Phil The Forester

According to advance reports, a few more deer hunters were in the field than last year when the coastal season opened last Saturday, and from all appearances a few bucks more were taken the first two days than for the same period last season. However, the actual comparison facts will not be known until the deer tags have been checked.

At the Coalinga checking station 126 deer had been recorded by 3:00 p.m., Sunday with wardens making four arrests for having a loaded gun in a car. By 3:00 p.m., Sunday, at the Lebec checking station, 135 bucks had been brought through while wardens made 30 cases, mostly for the loaded gun in the car.

Reason for this large number of arrests at Lebec is alleged to be accountable to the moving of the checking station where the wardens hold forth. Last season the station was on the road considerably east of the Frazier Park community and it is reported that some of the business folks of the Frazier area warned the hunters who stopped for refreshments to be sure and unload their guns as they would be checked farther down the road. If this is true, then the wardens outsmarted the smartsters by moving the checking station about ten miles west and on the other side of the various refreshment stops. Not having been forewarned, more hunters left their guns loaded when they started for home, but had to take the shells out at the checking station and then shell out \$25.00 or so at a later date as a game law violation fine.

This prohibition of a loaded gun

in a vehicle has been on the books for several seasons now but it continues to be one of the rules that is violated the most and otherwise good hunters continue to be killed for failure to attach any importance to it.

Where this violation really adds up in numbers is during the dove season. Many hunters illegally shoot at the birds from a car or even a motorcycle. Previous to the law, a warden had to apprehend a hunter in the actual act of shooting in order to make an arrest but this is no longer necessary so numerous additional cases are made when doves are in season.

Arrests and fines for the fiscal year 1954-55 set a new all-time high in California with arrests totalling 8,775 and fines of \$374,803.

Contrary to rumor, the State of Utah has not increased the deer hunting license fee for non-resident hunters

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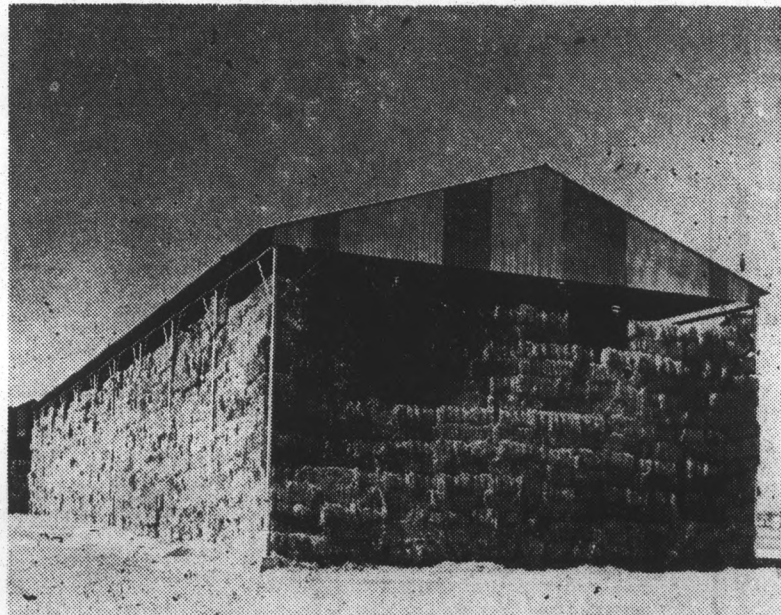


We keep trying to discourage you people from working so hard in August but you keep ignoring us and do it anyway. You'll probably all end up with sunstroke and won't be able to work outside next month when we have a lot of things for you to plant. Bulbs, lawns, pansies, snaps, sweet peas and more besides will be ready come September. That's pretty soon too.

Speaking of hot weather, the sudden and lasting arrival of summer has many plants and lawns looking a little sad. Likewise many garden owners and nurserymen look the same way but it's probably natural with them. Taking lawns, first they should be watered thoroughly and then allowed to dry a little before soaking again. Don't keep the grass foliage always wet. This is especially true if you have new lawn with large areas turning brown. Set your mower up so it leaves the grass fairly tall and if you're having lawn troubles maybe miss a mowing or two so it can regain its strength. Trees and shrubs should get a good deep watering. If you have a leaky faucet don't fix it, just connect a hose to it and move it occasionally from one large plant to another. If things are looking anemic, a little fertilizing might help.

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OUR TOWN

By Betty Pearson

At the risk of starting a few family discussions (HA!) the government has taken the trouble to prove that a family of five can eat well on \$21.40 a week. This is supposed to include the works, and not supplemented with the things Mom canned for us last summer. Of the total sum \$8.50 was set aside for meat. When I broke down the cost of our "fair" beef from the hoof to the table it cost 43c a pound. Working with the government budget, we would have 20 pounds a week. You could entertain . . . yet.

Lee Gill tells me that his new home is almost finished. Doesn't seem like a month since Velma and Ralph were on their way to San Francisco to meet Lee when he came home from the South Pacific and the Navy. Gosh, checking back it has been a year and

now Lee has a lovely wife, a new home, and is sitting high in the saddle.

When our cowboys stray from the range they really do it in style. One of our favorites called Sunday night from the opening of the new Beverly Hilton. The host had telephones on all the tables and told the guests to call their friends and have a good time. Over the telephone it sounded as if I was sitting on Edgar Bergen's lap.

Saw Ann B. Davis and Richard Deacon's performance at the "Cabaret Cornet". The C. C. is a night club of sorts that is more concert than cabaret, located in the old D. W. Griffith studio on Sunset Blvd. There is no hard liquor sold and no need for it, as the show is intoxicating and a merry time is had by all. I was having such a good time that although the show is about two hours long, it was about the fastest two hours I ever lived to enjoy. Deac told me he was going to be working on a picture the next three weeks. Ann's roll of Schultz on the Robert Cummings' show seems to agree with her. I have never met anyone that didn't think Ann was just great and she really is.

Did you know about the "Sisters Of The Skillet"? It's sort of an exclusive potluck where the girls sample each other's choice dishes.

How about that Dior? I read in the fashion news that the master is giving the girls back their curves. Darn nice of him! Then, I read where someone else is giving us back our waists. Well . . . do you know? I haven't noticed anything like that missing from OUR TOWN.

Winifred Turnupseed and his family enjoyed a reunion. A reunion is something families don't have as often as they should. The Turnupseed clan gathered from Florida to Washington. Winnie hadn't seen his brother from Florida for 30 years. The family not only had a good time in OUR TOWN but enjoyed trips to General Grant and Sequoia National parks. I'll bet they ate some of Winnie's choice venison steaks and that, plus the beauty of OUR TOWN, should bring them back soon.

ANN DAVIS IS CALLED "TV NATURAL" IN FEATURED INTERVIEW BY STAFF WRITER ON LOS ANGELES TIMES

Ann Davis, an alumna of Porterville's Barn theater, is called a TV natural by Walter Ames, staff writer for the Los Angeles Times, in a featured interview published in last Sunday's Times.

Mr. Ames reports that he dated Ann for her first lunch at the Brown Derby and that he had never seen so many autograph hunters flock around, and that even the "regulars" stopped by to say hello to Ann, or, as she appears on the Bob Cummings' TV show — to Schultz.

And he comments on the fact that Ann is not only a natural on TV, she is also completely natural in her living and her appearance, even to the point of requesting that no retouching be done on publicity pictures.

And a typical Ann Davis remark at the Brown Derby, as people flocked around for autographs, was quoted by Mr. Ames:

"Gosh, this is wonderful," said Ann. "I only hope this goes on for year to come. I love it."

And in speaking of being natural, Ann said, "I know at least a couple of hundred glamour gals who are starving in this town. I'd rather be myself and eating."

Mr. Ames recounts some of Anne's background, how she started in Pennsylvania in a \$20.00 a week acting job, with another \$5.00 thrown in to help raise and lower the company's tent; how she came to California, joined the Barn staff; played with the Barn in Yosemite National park and eventually started entertaining in a Hollywood nite spot, where she was spotted for the role of Schultz in the Bob Cummings' TV series.

Susie and Sally Bakotich took their handsome Dad on a vacation. They golfed and beached in Capitola. I know all about Jim's golf. My husband played one game with Jim and decided to sell his club.

Don Tyrrell said he had four good reasons for buying a new station wagon . . . all boys. Saw one of his good reasons while helping his grandmother shop for groceries. They are growing grandmothers younger every year.

I felt proud of my generation Sunday when Jack Griggs gave one of the best sermons I have heard in a long time in our church.

My favorite daughter is getting to be a real swimmer . . . thanks to OUR TOWN for such a nice, large, clean pool. I hope you will use the pool and teach your children to swim.

And Mr. Ames rates Ann and Bob Cummings as the best teaming job of the season, with their show now on two TV networks. The series is so good, he says, that one show plays opposite NBC's Groucho Marx program.

We Only Heard

By BILL ROGERS

SOMETIMES WE get confused no end about matters political. Here we thought Congressman Harlan Hagen was elected to serve the 14th congressional district in Washington, and the board of supervisors was elected to handle affairs of the county, then we see the headlines, and it appears Mr. Hagen is telling the supervisors what they should do about certain election matters, and all the time we thought the supervisors were capable of making such decisions, and we thought a congressman has enough to do in Washington without getting involved in county affairs, and we thought it was outside the realm of a congressman to second guess the supervisors, and we thought — but what's the use of thinking. Man, we're confused.

NO MONEY FOR HOSPITAL

Sierra View Hospital district failed to qualify for state and federal hospital construction funds when allocations were made last week. Future policy of the district will be discussed at next regular meeting of directors to be held at the Porterville city hall, September 13.

\$270,000 FOR WESTERN DIVIDE

Earmarked in the 1955-56 budget of the bureau of public roads is \$270,000 for continuation of work on the Western Divide highway. It is probable that grading of additional roadbed along the Western divide will be done next spring.

SCHOOL BOND ISSUE CARRIES

Bond issue for \$20,000 in the Citrus South Tule school district, carried Tuesday by a vote of 44-12. A new, two-classroom building will be constructed and the old building will be moved back and remodelled for multi-purpose and community use.

Boswell Gin Work Well Underway

Construction work at the new J. G. Boswell gin, five miles south of Poplar, is now well underway, with a concrete block office already up and with foundations being poured for the gin buildings. Considerable equipment is now on the grounds, with plans announced to have the gin in operation for the 1955-56 season.

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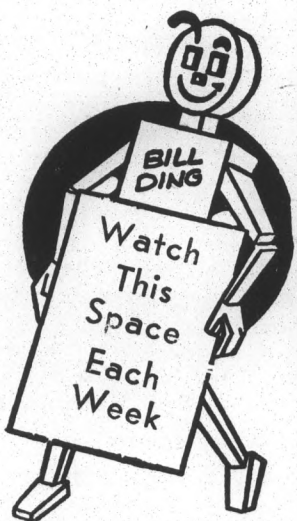
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Results Of Feeding Trials Will Be Shown At Guthrie Ranch Meeting Set For Next Tuesday

Results of feeding trials in which steers have been fattened to choice slaughter grade on a ration of green chopped alfalfa, plus concentrates, will be shown at a meeting set for the John Guthrie ranch, northwest of Porterville, at 9:30 a.m., next Tuesday.

Five pens of steers and one pen of heifers are included in the trial, with object being to fatten to choice slaughter grade as rapidly as possible.

At present, all cattle are receiving green alfalfa and grain at the rate of one and one-half pounds per 100 pounds of live weight. Some pens were worked to this level of grain more rapidly than others.

Included also in the trial is a pen of steers receiving stilbestrol, and one pen being fed on a ration containing no green alfalfa.

Gains made by the various pens, and costs, will be presented at the meeting. Following the meeting, trial pen cattle will be slaughtered, with actual grading available at a later date.

Horace Strong, extension service specialist, will attend the meeting to discuss latest information on green chopped alfalfa feeding trials conducted by the University of California.

The Guthrie ranch feed lot is located on Alta Robles avenue; Farm Advisor Bob Miller will be in charge of the meeting.

STORAGE SPACE ADDED FOR CORN

With more than a quarter billion bushels of 1954-corn under price support on June 15, and with a considerable quantity expected for delivery in August and September, the USDA is adding 47 million bushels of bin storage capacity to its present 844 million bushel bin capacity, plus 94 million bushels stored in 407 ships of the Maritime reserve fleet.

CANTERBELLES RIDING NEW DRILL FOR COUNTY FAIR

Porterville's Canterbelles are practicing each Monday evening in the area east of the Porterville fair grounds to perfect a new mounted drill that will be presented at the Tulare county fair in September.

Twenty girls have been riding this month under direction of Doris Karstaedt. Any interested girls can contact Mrs. Karstaedt relative to joining the Canterbelles.

Girls who are riding at present include: Pat Hastings, Linda Hutchinson, Marlene Nagel, Phyllis Nagel, Karelin Karstaedt, Cindy Hughes, Edwina Thompson, Brenda Santry, Elaine Morris, Marilyn Keck,

Anna Rose Parsley, Pauline Stierle, Karol Kendrick, Sue Knotts, Tanya Stephen, Heather Cairns, Janet Hammond, Judy Weisenberger, Bette Schwartz and Celeste Miller.

OWNERSHIP REQUIRED FOR WOOL PAYMENT

Actual ownership of lambs and yearlings at least 30 days before slaughter is required for the producer or feeder to qualify for payment under the National Wool Act of 1954.

Final tabulations show that a 77.3 per cent vote favored a wheat marketing quota in the June 25 referendum.

BILL REECE TO COVER TOUR OF RUSSIANS

Bill Reece will represent The Farm Tribune as a member of the party that will accompany a group of touring Russians in Tulare county next Thursday.

The Russians, who have been looking at farm operations throughout the United States, have asked to see methods of crop irrigation in Tulare county.

They will be met in Fresno Thursday morning by Rodgers L. Moore, of Porterville, chairman of the Tulare county board of supervisors, and Ralph Worrell, head of the county extension service. A noon lunch will be served at the Exeter Memorial building; the Friant-Kern canal will be inspected and irrigation methods observed on several county ranches.

Say You Read It In
THE FARM TRIBUNE

MALATHION SHOULD BE ADDED TO PARATHION IF SOFT BROWN SCALE IS PRESENT IN CITRUS ORCHARDS

By Karl W. Opitz
Farm Advisor

Citrus growers intending to use parathion for insect control should carefully check their groves for the presence of soft brown scale before spraying.

If it is necessary to use parathion in the presence of soft scale, malathion should be added to the spray mixture. Where there is an appreciable amount of soft brown scale and the spray is intended to control yellow scale also, the usual formulation is: 25% malathion wettable powder 1½ pounds, 25% parathion wettable powder one pound, zinc oxide 1½ pounds — per 100 gallons of spray. Thorough coverage is essential.

Complete coverage with two gallons of medium summer emulsion will usually assist in controlling both soft scale and yellow

scale when applied at this time. It is important to avoid using oil when citrus trees need irrigating or when there is sulphur on the foliage. Navel oranges should not be sprayed with oil after August 15.

In situations where soft brown scale is the primary pest and control is not required for other insects, it appears wise to permit the natural enemies to combat the scale. Considerable build-up may be experienced, especially if ants are present, before the soft scale is controlled. Nevertheless, excellent elimination is ultimately obtained by parasites and predators if not disturbed by deadly sprays.

Most of San Joaquin valley Irish potatoes have been shipped; some spuds are still moving, however, from Fresno and Madera counties.



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Fair Board Makes Another Payment In Move To Retire Indebtedness On Porterville Community Facilities

Directors of the Porterville Junior Livestock Show and Fair this week took another step toward retiring the debt against the fair when they paid Mrs. Violet Carpenter \$500.00 and refunded nearly \$1,000.00 that had been advanced last year by individual directors and interested persons.

Immediately after the 1955 fair the fair has now been cut from last May, directors paid Mrs. Carpenter \$2,000.00; amount against the original \$6,000.00 to \$2,000.00.

Four years ago directors of the fair signed a personal note for \$6,000.00, after the fair had suffered serious financial reverses. Since that time the permanent location at the Porterville municipal ball park has been developed — with considerable help from residents of the community, and the amount of the note gradually retired.

It is the plan of directors to completely pay off the fair's indebtedness next year.

At present, fair records are in the hands of Browning and Reed

ALONG THE AVENUE

Building permits in the city of Porterville hit \$124,884 during July. Oren Sheela is selling Sheela Sales and Service to Larry Staley, of San Bruno. Building cleanup on Main street, off-street parking and road signs on new highway 65 are receiving attention of the Merchants committee of the Porterville chamber of commerce.

for a complete audit of the 1955 show. The audit will be published when completed.

Porterville Union High School and College budget for the coming year will be \$1,397,114.

Considerably improved is the corner of Main and Mill streets, where the old Bank of America building has been sharpened up to house the Korte yardage and sewing machine store.

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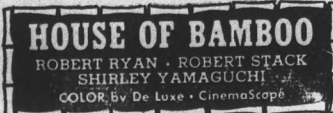
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Honeydew Melons

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making and labelling shed adjacent to the packing shed.

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From the lidding machine, crates are stacked, then placed in railroad cars for shipment. Cars are gassed to assure proper ma-

Melons

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ranch operations. At bottom right is Dewey Redburn, in charge of car loading at the Tipton shed, and Glenn Wright, packing plant foreman. Merritt Blue Ribbon honeydews have been grown by the Merritt family in the Saucelito district, for some 15 years, and because of constant emphasis on quality, the brand name is favorably known in major markets of the nation. From 14 to 15 cars of honeydews are now moving daily, by truck and rail, from the Tipton plant. (Farm Tribune photos)

turity of melons on arrival at destination, then pre-cooled prior to icing for the trip to market.

Rail shipment is by express car, which gets melons onto the New York market in five days. Reports from first shipments this year were that quality was outstanding.

Merritt Blue Ribbon honeydews go into practically every major market in the nation — the east coast, New Orleans, Miami, the middle west, the Pacific coast, and to Toronto and Montreal, in Canada, to be handled by brokers in these markets.

Season usually runs about three months, with plantings staggered to keep melons coming on during that period. Some 70 men and women are employed in the Tipton plant operation.

Mr. Merritt states that every year is different in the melon business — markets vary; field quality and production hinge on weather, and other factors; returns from the crop depend not only on quality but also on general produce market conditions and general economic conditions in the nation.

At the present time, the Merritt operation is confined to southeastern Tulare county, although in the past, the Merritts have grown and packed melons in Imperial valley, Manteca and Colorado. The family has been in the melon business for 25 years, with the last 15 years at their present Tulare county locations.

The most modern equipment is used in the field and in the packing plant. At present about 14 cars a day are going out by rail and truck; volume varies during the season, however, depending on market conditions.

In the overall picture, the Merritt operation is a good example of a combination of agriculture and industry that offers payrolls and purchases that bring general benefit to the entire community.

METHODISTS PLAN NEW CHURCH

Construction of a new Methodist church at Murry and Morton is planned by the Porterville congregation, with first public hearing on a necessary zoning change to allow church construction set for the Porterville city hall, August 23.

Union Service By Springville Group

Union church services will again be held in Porterville this Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m., in the Evangelical United Brethren church. The Springville Community Methodist church will be in charge. Special music numbers will be provided by Miss Sally Catherine Welch, Richard Moore, and Miss Mary Harper. Miss Ina Vaughn will be the pianist.

Vernon Gill will speak on the subject "A Layman's Job", and Dale Harper will also speak on the subject "Dead or Alive".

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Richard and David Haddock and Betty Reed, county 4-H club members, received puppies this week to raise as guide dogs for the blind.

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PLASTIC PIPE USED UNDERGROUND IN CITRUS GROVE INSTALLATION AT H. T. GORDON RANCH NEAR SPRINGVILLE

Installation of underground, plastic pipe for a sprinkler irrigation system has been completed by H. L. Gordon in his citrus grove south of Springville, with this installation believed to be the first of its kind in Tulare county.

Two-inch main plastic line and one-inch laterals, have been set about 18 inches deep in the grove, with risers along the line providing for four to seven sprinkler heads.

Manufactured by the Kerr Plastic company at Burbank, from a B. F. Goodrich formula, the polyvinyl chloride material pipe is made in three weights—the lightweight pipe used by Mr. Gordon operating under 100 pounds pressure with a bursting pressure of 450 pounds. The heavyweight pipe has a bursting pressure of over 1,000 pounds.

Mainline and lateral line pipe lengths can be cemented together, or threaded; the plastic pipe has the standard fittings of steel pipe, but is much lighter and can be installed at about one-tenth the labor cost of steel pipe installation, according to Mr. Gordon.

Advantages claimed for plastic pipe over steel pipe is lightness and ease of handling; its more efficient carrying capacity which allows installation of smaller diameter pipe to do a given job,

and ease of repair and installation of new fittings.

Concerning the latter point, Mr. Gordon states that in case of a break in the line, or if new fittings are to be placed in an existing line, a section of the plastic line can be sawed out with a hacksaw, and a new section, or new fitting easily cemented in.

The plastic lines are not subject to chemical damage from water or soil, also an advantage claimed over steel pipe.

Initial cost of material for a plastic system is about the same as for a steel system, however, it is said savings result from the greater ease of handling and much more rapid installation of the buried sections.

Anyone interested in the new system can see it in operation at the Gordon grove, on highway 190, about three miles south of Springville. It is stated that plastic pipe is being used extensively for irrigation purposes in southern California.

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